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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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The following sections are being submitted for this Information Disclosure Statement:

1. ☒ Preliminary Statements
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3. ☐ Statement as to Information Not Found in Patents or Publications
4. ☒ Identification of Prior Application in Which Listed Information Was Already Cited and for Which No Copies Are Submitted or Need Be Submitted

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- 10. ☒ Identification of Person(s) Making this Information Disclosure Statement

Section 1. Preliminary Statements

Applicants submit herewith patents, publications or other information of which they are aware, which they believe may be material to the examination of this application and in respect of which there may be a duty to disclose.

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Section 2. Substitute for form 1449A/PTO

- ☒ A completed Form Substitute for form 1449A/PTO is attached hereto.

Section 3. Statement as to Information Not Found in Patents or Publications (Information Not Listed in Form Substitute for form 1449A/PTO)

Section 4. Identification of Prior Application in Which Listed Information Was Already Cited and for Which No Copies Are Submitted or Need Be Submitted

This application relies, under 35 U.S.C. § 120, on the earlier filing date of prior application Serial No. 10/217,612, filed on September 12, 2002.

(complete the following, if applicable)

☐ This application also relies, under 35 U.S.C. 120, on the earlier filing date of prior application Serial No. _____, filed on _____ (date).

The following references were submitted to, and/or cited by, the Office in the prior application(s) and therefore, are not required to be provided in this application:

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Section 7A. Concise Explanation of Non-English Language Listed Information Items - EPO Search Report

The relevance with respect to the following citations listed on Form PTO-1449:

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- ☐ supplied by the inventor(s)
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